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DEATHS.

On the 27th January, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, CHAI, son of S. Moss, third son of the late C. D. Moss, of Yokohama.

On the 24th January, at Okinawa, Mrs. HISA YAMADA, mother of Mrs. GAUNTLET, aged 38 years.

On the 24th January, at 5, Dublin Road, Singapore, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. NATHAN, aged 54 months.

On the 25th January, at Batavia, in the Yikini Hospital, ARIE, the beloved wife of D. J. VAN WINGAARDEN, of Singapore, aged 46 years.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 5th FEBRUARY, 1904

An anonymous correspondent in the London Times at the end of last year wrote on a subject which is of great interest to all British mercantile men in the Far East, not least of all in Hongkong. It was that of "the commercial development of the Crown Colonies." The writer dealt with the responsibility of the Imperial Government and the local administrations in regard to supplementing independent commercial enterprise, in order to give the needed impetus to the development of the resources of Crown Colonies and protectorates; and the responsibility of the Imperial Government in recognising the importance to British manufacturers and merchants of a thorough equipment for competition in foreign markets. The writer (who confesses to twelve years of administrative work in West Africa) points out that scientific examination and commercial valuation of the economic and vegetable products of the various Crown Colonies and protectorates are required, so that manufacturers and merchants may be put in possession of accurate information about these materials and the way may be paved by Government for definite commercial action by financiers

and manufacturers. Other Governments, especially those of France, Germany, and Holland, are carrying out on an increasing scale this preliminary work in the development of their possessions. The German Government, for instance, has spent in recent years between £10,000 and £14,000 per annum on expert scientific investigation into the mineral and vegetable resources of German East Africa and the Cameroons. In England there is no sufficiently large trained staff of experts available for such work, but the Times writer sees the basis for the organisation of such a staff at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, London, "which only needs extension and a permanent basis." It is in close touch with Kew and similar institutions, he says, and also with technical and commercial experts in the various economic products. The facilities afforded by the Scientific and Technical Department recently established at the Imperial Institute for the scientific investigation, technical trial, and commercial valuation of samples of products sent from the Colonies, have been extensively utilised by the Crown Colonies and protectorates, as also by British Consuls abroad. But the organisation is incomplete, and the services of competent experts for temporary service in the Crown Colonies, etc., is very hard to obtain, as the work, though it may be highly paid, offers no permanent career. In both France and Germany similar but regularly organised institutions are maintained by Government, in which scientific investigation is employed as a means of securing the commercial utilisation of the natural products of the Colonies. The Scientific and Technical Department of the Imperial Institute, on the other hand, relies on grants made for a term of years by the Royal Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1881, amounting to £2,000 per annum, with smaller annual grants from India and certain of the Colonies. The Manchester and Liverpool Chambers of Commerce last summer appealed to the Government to set aside money to explore into the geographical, botanical, and mineral possibilities of West Africa. But it is, of course, not only in our West African Colonies that such researches are necessary. As the Times writer says, the matter is one of pressing importance, and it is to be hoped that the Colonial Office and Board of Trade will before long take steps to deal with it.

With regard to the Imperial Government's responsibility in the matter of the equipment of British manufacturers and merchants for competition in international commerce and the provision of commercial intelligence, the writer alludes to the certainty of keener commercial competition in future and the necessity of the Government supplementing private enterprise that it may meet that competition. As is well known, the British manufacturer and merchant are easily first in the opening up of new markets, but even now they seem hardly the equals of their neighbours in the knowledge and equipment necessary to advance their position in existing markets. "There is occasional British withdrawal from certain markets owing to the keenness of competition, said to be compensated for by the exploitation of more remunerative markets elsewhere; but the time is coming when British manufacturers and merchants must struggle to hold their own in all the markets of the world, if Great Britain is to retain her position in the commerce of nations." The correspondent then asks whether British manufacturers and merchants are ready or are preparing for such a struggle, and what Government help should be given; and proceeds to describe the excellent work of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, which was defined by President McKinley in 1897 as an institution to aid in the development of commercial and industrial prosperity. We have not space here to transcribe the writer's remarks, interesting though they are, on this public institution devoted to the general extension of international commerce and supported by Federal, State, and municipal grants and by private subscriptions from business firms throughout the United States. But it is worthy of notice that during the course of a year no less than 25,000 answers were given by the Museum to applications for information of a commercial character. The Times writer paid a visit to the Museum, and to test its value put a certain number of questions, to which answers were given. The last of these will be appreciated here. The correspondent asked:—"If a firm were sending out a traveller to China, what general information could you give to assist him personally and in his undertaking?" In reply he was taken to the library, where he found that such a traveller could be supplied with practically every book of any

value that has been written on China, from which he might make his own notes. In addition to this, the reports of British and United States Consuls would be supplied him for perusal and the general and detailed information with regard to the particular line of commerce in which he was engaged, from the Museum records, would be placed at his disposal. There seems no doubt that such an institution must be of great value to commercial men, and whatever its precise connection with the vast increase in American export trade during recent years its establishment is of great credit to the nation. The Times correspondent pleads ably, and his case is one which appeals strongly to the merchant and manufacturer interested in the Colonies. It is to be trusted that his article will not be allowed to be disregarded. There is more chance of its being listened to now, when Great Britain is seriously considering what the real meanings of Free Trade and Protection are.

A new Ordinance has been passed in Singapore requiring billiard-rooms to close at 10 p.m.

The marriage between the Hon. Gersham Stewart and Miss Gresson is to take place at Shanghai on the 9th inst. Mr. Stewart left yesterday for the northern port by the *Lys-moon*, owing to the late arrival of the German mail.

Commodore C. G. Robinson's promotion to the flag rank of Rear-Admiral follows upon the retirement of Vice-Admiral E. R. Rolfe, C.B., and the promotion to that rank of Rear-Admiral Sir Arthur William Moore, K.C.B., C.M.G., formerly Commander-in-Chief at the Cape of Good Hope.

Among the Government officials who are going on leave about March are Sir William M. Goodman, Mr. Justice Wise, Hon. W. Chatham, Mr. H. P. Tooker, and Mr. G. A. Woodcock. Mr. Li Hong Mi, the Supreme Court interpreter, is also going to England, taking with him his son, who is to be educated there. Sir Henry Berkeley will take up the duties of Chief Justice and Mr. T. Sercombe Smith those of Puisne Judge.

The Mr. Dennison Morgan, whose marriage to a Kyoto geisha took place on the 21st ult., is not, as reported, a son of the American millionaire, Mr. Pierpont Morgan, but a nephew of that gentleman. It may perhaps be hoped, says the *Kobe Chronicle*, that now the marriage is announced, Japanese papers will cease to concern themselves with the doings of this young gentleman, which have afforded them so much copy of an unvarnished character during the last few months.

A correspondent sends us the following example of Chinese English, addressed to a well-known firm here by its native staff:—"Dear Sirs.—We have the honour to inform you, that you will be so kindly let us have the salary in this afternoon, because we wish some money to buy anything and send to our village for the Chinese New Year, if your kind doing so we shall be remember you and many thanks in several times—Yours faithfully, your obed. ser.,"

The death has occurred at Pamplona of Padre Mariano Gil, who in 1896, in consequence of what one of his parishioners told him, discovered the famous Katipnana plot to murder all the Spaniards in the Philippine Islands. The priest was sought for by those members of the society who remained free after General Don Ramon Blanco had dealt with the society, and his life was often threatened. He remained in the Philippines for some time after the discovery of the plot.

The motor train invented by Colonel and Major Renault for use on the public highways, which was exhibited at the recent show, has been given a trial in the streets of Paris. The train consists of a steering and machinery car, which resembles an ordinary motor-car, and five other vehicles. The novelty consists in the fact that the first car, by the aid of a shaft, distributes to each car the necessary power for its propulsion. After the train had made a tour in the Champs Elysees, it was taken to the Elysee, where its inventors were congratulated by the President. The train threaded its way with wonderful ease through the crowded streets, and excited a good deal of curiosity.

The current issue of the French naval journal *Le Yacht* contains an important study by a French naval officer of the offensive power of the Japanese navy. According to him, Japan's delay in taking action has been due to the fact that the Japanese Government distrusts the training of its fleet. The ships are good and the dockyards are well organised, but, owing to want of funds of recent years, the standing squadron has not been thoroughly exercised at sea, and insufficient attention has been paid to gunnery. The amount of coal and the number of projectiles expended have been strictly measured, with the result that there is some doubt as to the battle-efficiency of the force. In this connection it is interesting to notice that the naval estimates of Japan have been steadily diminishing since 1898. In that year they were £8,600,000; in 1899, £5,600,000; in 1900, £4,500,000; in 1901, £4,060,000; in 1902, £3,125,000; and in 1903, £2,215,000, of which £600,000 was devoted to new construction, and the rest to the pay and maintenance of the fleet. *Le Yacht* goes on to point out that Japan has lacked a great organiser to infuse life into the machine.

Siam's exhibit for the St. Louis Exposition is now being transferred to the United States. Thirty-six cases, measuring 14 tons cargo space, have already been shipped.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Allies Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Foreign Goods Dealers Guild ... \$50.
Baptist Mission Chapel ... \$20.

Mr. O. Rivett-Carnac left Bangkok for Europe on the 22nd ult. by the *Deli*, having resigned the position of Financial Adviser which he has occupied for the last five years. In future Mr. Rivett-Carnac's headquarters will be in London, where he will act as Financial Agent to the Siamese Government.

The Philippine Commission on the 27th ult. passed the currency bill in a modified form. The principal alterations in the bill from the form in which it was proposed are found in the time for its going into operation in its various parts, which is set for the 1st October, and the rates of taxation provided for. The bill also embodies a section giving express sanction to the buying of Mexican currency at its bullion value for coinage purposes.

The *Pingang Gazette*, discussing the probable effects on the Strait Settlements of a war, if China were to be drawn into it, says:—"At least 75 per cent of the inhabitants of the Peninsula are Celestials whose conservatism demands the importation of their clothes and even much of their food—preserved vegetables, duck, etc.—from China. This demand constitutes a very substantial share of our trade, for both Penang and Singapore are transshipment and not producing ports. Millions of dollars worth of goods for the Chinese are brought to these two centres, and from thence distributed, mainly in coasting vessels. If the ports of China were closed during a protracted war this importation would cease, our inter-port and coasting trade would be dislocated, our markets would be disorganised, and red ruin would stalk among the Chinese shopkeepers from one end of the colony to the other. The importation of coolies would be checked and the price of labour would rise as rapidly as that of food-stuffs."

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play a Naval Team, under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 4.30. The Club will play in stripes. The following will play for the Club:—

R. A. Whitmore, back; W. R. Robertson, T. E. Pearce, J. P. Jordan, and K. A. Solanders, three-quarters; A. G. M. Fletcher and A. B. de Veuille, halves; H. C. Sandford (capt.), E. B. Hallifax, C. Boyd, H. E. Rowley, Lieut. Richards, Lieut. Rogers, P. H. Crofton, and H. F. Chard, forwards.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

Mr. Peter Dow, Hon. Sec. of the Philharmonic Society, informs us that the Society is about to give a series of three concerts in the coming spring. S. Andrew's Hall having already been booked for them. Rehearsals will commence after the termination of the A.D.C. performances.

The first concert is to be held on Saturday, 5th March next, at 9 p.m. The programme will consist of double quartettes and solos by the vocal section, and solos and overtures by the orchestra. The second concert will be held on the 22nd March at 5.30 p.m., when Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," already so successfully performed at the Choral Festival, will be repeated. The third concert will be held on the 30th April, when the Society will give a rendering of an oratorio or some other musical work.

The Hongkong Philharmonic Society is eminently deserving of support, for without it there would be no chance of organising local musical talent (of which there is abundance), and the Colony would be most distinctly the poorer. In the hands of the new Hon. Sec. we are sure that the praiseworthy efforts of his predecessors to improve Hongkong musically will be carried on.

By kind permission of Major Badoliff and officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel during dinner to-night (weather permitting):—

March "The Star of the Bobbie Burns" Ord Hume
Overture "Le Carnaval de Rome" Berlioz
Selection "The Rose of Persia" Sullivan
Song "Beloved, It is Morn" Florence Aylward
Selection "Reminiscences of England" Godfrey Waltz
"Santiago" Corbin
Cake Walk "Jolly Negroes" Berger
"God Save the King."

MENU.

Hors d'Oeuvres
Caviar on Toast.
SOUP.
Sliced Chicken.
FISH.
Fried Fillet of Sole with Mushroom Sauce.
ENTREES.
Grilled Mutton Chop. Chipped Potatoes.
Snipe on Toast and Watercress.
Shrimp on Aspic with Salad.
JOINTS.
Roast Beef.
Roast Turkey.
Cold Ham.
CURRY.
Sheep's Head.
SALAD.
A la German.
VEGETABLES.
Boiled Potatoes. Baked Potatoes.
Green Peas. Baked Onions.
DESSERTS.
Apple Pudding. Jam Tart.
Coffee Ice-cream. Finger Cake.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS SERVICE.

THE CRISIS.—RUSSIAN ARMY ORDERS.

LONDON, 2nd February.
A Russian Army Order, dated 21st January, increases the strength of the infantry reserves in Russia.

It is stated at St. Petersburg that 50,000 troops are expected shortly at Vladivostok to strengthen the garrison. All the reserves for the Far East will probably be mobilised soon.

Later.
It is stated in St. Petersburg that Russia's reply will not be sent for several days, as several points are unsettled.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, 2nd February.
The King and Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, opened Parliament in full state. Mr. Balfour was absent owing to an attack of influenza. The King in his speech said that he watched with concern the course of the Russo-Japanese negotiations; a disturbance of the peace could not but have deplorable consequences, and any assistance the British Government could give to promote a pacific solution would be gladly afforded.

THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

With reference to what we wrote yesterday about the facilities likely to be afforded to Press correspondents in the North, in event of war, we see that the *Kobe Chronicle* says that the statement that Russia will not allow Press correspondents to accompany the Russian forces seems to have come originally from London, and may possibly represent the attitude of the authorities at St. Petersburg. But the *Chronicle* learns, from Mr. Collins, the representative at Peking of Reuters's Agency, who passed through Kobe on the 25th ult., that the authorities at Port Arthur are placing no obstacles whatever in the way of correspondents there. When application was made to them for permission for a correspondent to accompany the Russian forces in case of war, the authorities said it would be premature to issue such permits until a war was actually in progress, but that if war really occurred it could be relied upon that the same facilities would be given to correspondents by the Russians as by other nations in similar circumstances. Moreover, though correspondents have already taken up their quarters at Port Arthur, their messages have not yet to the present been subjected to any censorship. On the other hand, the Japanese War Department's censorship now is of the very strictest, the most innocent messages being stopped if they seem to contain any indication of Japan's probable movements. This may well point to an immediate move being contemplated, though possibly only in the direction of Korea.

HOCKEY.

CUP COMPETITION.
The following will represent the H.K. Hockey Club in the Cup match v. H.M.S. *Abdon* on the Club ground at 4.15 p.m. sharp to-day:—
Woodman, goal; Murphy (capt.) and Gibson, backs; Chater, Knyvett, and Hardy, halves; Hooper, Wodehouse, Dartnell, Stevens, and Dowling, forwards.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.
The eighth club race will be sailed as follows:—
Championship yachts start at Kowloon Police Pier at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 6th inst.; the one-design class 1 p.m. 7th inst.; handicap class 1.10 p.m. 7th inst. Course No. 28.

THE HONGKONG RACES.

Training at the Race Course proceeded yesterday, H.E. Mr. May being a spectator. Attendance was very small, probably owing to the weather. Naves when going fast suddenly stopped and unseated his rider; after this he was not persevered with. Some of the times were as follows:—
Standard and Tai Yat, 1-mile:—33, 1.07, 1.40, 2.13. Standard was first.
Quebec, 1-mile, last 1/2:—34, 1.06, 1.41.
Panjandrum and Colonelist, 3-mile:—34, 1.09, 1.40.
Thibet, 3-mile:—35, 1.09.
Once More, 3-mile:—35, 1.10, 1.45.
Fun and Bailey, 1-mile:—33, 1.08, 1.42, 2.17. Fun was first.
Lord Algy and Benzoline, 3-mile:—36, 1.14, 1.47. Lord Algy was first.
Manila and Modesty, 3-mile:—32, 1.04, 1.44.
Royal, 3-mile:—34, 1.03.
Herschell II, 3-mile:—34, 1.10.
Dormouse, 3-mile, last 1/2:—31.
Powder Puff, 3-mile, last 1/2:—37, 1.11.
Yellow Skin, Noddy, and Lumberer, 3-mile, last 1/2:—33, 1.05.
Border Lad and Ca-Canny, 3-mile:—35, 1.08, 1.42.
Zonfall, 1-mile:—37, 1.11, 1.54, 2.27.
Goodbye, 1-mile:—37, 1.15, 1.39, 2.22.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 4th at 12.15. The barometer has risen over N. China, fallen in S. China. The depression lying over N.E. Japan yesterday has probably passed to the Pacific. Pressure is high over N. China.
Gradients moderate on the China coast with the monsoon freshening in the Formosa Channel. Moderate monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.
Forecast:—Fresh N.E. winds; dull, some rain.

FOOCHOW.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Foochow, 31st January.

There has been a singular death of any local news that might interest your readers outside this port of late. Mr. Rickett's dance (a *bal masqué*) at Wayfoing proved a great success.

ROAD TRUSTS.

There has been no little friction and a great deal of interest shown by the whole community in the management of our Local Road Trust, ending in the resignation of all the trustees and the secretary. The wisdom of spending the funds available on laying down somewhat flimsy drains all over the "settlement" was generally doubted by the community, when other more pressing repairs to roads, etc., were obviously desirable. Some letters in our weekly paper fanned the flame of discontent with the result mentioned above. A meeting of all subscribers to the Road Trust was held in the Club on the 29th and was attended by a large and representative gathering. Mr. Siemssen, the outgoing chairman, tendered his resignation for himself and the other trustees and secretary. In point of fact Mr. Martinkovich, one of the trustees, had resigned previously as he did not approve of the "drains" scheme. Subsequently, upon a proposition by Mr. Brady (the English Consul) that the resigning trustees should be asked to stand again—which was practically a vote of confidence, and was seconded by Mr. Draw, the Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Siemssen most indignantly refused, and quite lost all sympathy with the meeting, leaving the room directly a proposition had been carried to ballot for a new committee. The result of the ballot was the election of Messrs. E. B. Drew, T. Rennie, C. Skerrett Rogers, E. J. Moss, and T. Brockett, A.D.C.

The performances of *Our Boys* have been fixed for Tuesday, the 9th February, and is expected to be a very successful one. Mr. G. Balloch is stage manager.

PERSPECTIVE DEPARTURES.

The community have been startled by the news of two important changes about to take place. Mr. C. B. Rickett has resigned from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, of which institution he has been the local agent for some 14 years. Mr. Rickett expects to leave by the second German mail in April, and is to be succeeded by Mr. C. H. Balfour as agent.

Mr. W. G. Macvicar, the sub-agent of the Chartered Bank, is also leaving the port. I understand he is to take charge of the Hankow agency, and expects to leave some five weeks hence. Mr. W. G. Peter, brother of Mr. J. C. Peter, chief accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, is said to be his probable successor.

FOOCHOW ARSENAL.

Mr. Ch. Dyèvre is still at Fagoda Anchorage, as also is Mr. L. Ratard, French Consul-General from Shanghai. Dr. Vizerie, of the Arsenal staff, is going home to Europe on furlough.

HONGKONG ICE CO., LD.

The accounts are as follows:—

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Property account	103,000.00	Capital	125,000.00
Extension account	41,750.88	Accounts payable	11,765.48
Invested in:—		China Fire Insurance Co.'s share	85.00
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.'s share	225.00	Canton Insurance Office's share	120.00
China Fire Insurance Co.'s share	85.00	Cash on hand	23.61
Canton Insurance Office's share	120.00	Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on current account	71,200.68
Cash on hand	23.61	Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on deposit	20,600.00
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on current account	71,200.68	Outstanding accounts	6,146.40
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on deposit	20,600.00	Accounts receivable	195.41
Outstanding accounts	6,146.40	Ice in stock	300.00
Accounts receivable	195.41	Fire insurance, unexpired premium	160.70
Ice in stock	300.00		
Fire insurance, unexpired premium	160.70		
		Total	\$248,736.48

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To salaries, wages, and general trade expenses	\$ 0.
To general managers' commission	2,000.00
To auditor's fee	150.00
	44,137.66
To interim dividend of 10 per cent. paid on 28th July, 1903	20,000.00
To balance	190,648.82
	\$164,982.23
By balance brought forward from last year	3,632.66
By receipts for ice and cold storage	17,288.69
By rents received (less Crown rent and taxes paid)	2,393.46
By interest	1,635.02
By transfer fees	12.00
	\$164,982.23

THE ETHNOLOGY OF THE ARCTIC PEOPLES.

Based on his opinions upon data collected by several explorers sent out by Mr. Morris K. Jesup, of New York, Dr. Franz Boas, Curator of Ethnology of the American Museum of Natural History, has announced his belief that the tribes of this whole area must be considered as a single race, or at least that their culture is a single culture, which at one time was found in both the north-eastern part of the Old World and the north-western part of the New World. Heretofore the dwellers of the Arctic region were believed by many scientists to be the oldest existing race and to be of pre-glacial origin.

BOXING AT THE CITY HALL.

Some boxing contests took place at the City Hall on Wednesday and last night, before fair audiences. The occasion was a two days' tournament promoted by Mr. J. Manser. Mr. H. Gow acted as general manager, and Mr. C. St. Clair as referee. The band of H.M.S. *Vengeance* was in attendance. Results were as follows:—

ARMSTRONG V. GAYLER.—Six 2-minute rounds between Terry Armstrong, of H.M.S. *Vengeance*, and Gayler, of H.M.S. *Albion*. Gayler was howled over in the fourth round, but was up again at the call of seven. Armstrong throughout proved himself superior in the art, but could not knock his man out in six rounds. The contest was characterized by hard hitting. Judges decided in favour of Armstrong.

KENNEDY V. NICHOLLS.—Five 2-minute rounds: catch-weights. Ed. Kennedy, of Boston; Nicholls of H.M.S. *Glory*.

Nicholls got to the attack at once, and in the first few seconds tumbled his opponent. The Boston man then got in a "mortal funk," and at the end of the round, cleared out of the ring in spite of efforts to shove him back. A win for Nicholls.

MORGAN V. HOLMES.—Ten 2-minute rounds. J. Morgan, heavy-weight champion of the China Station, H.M.S. *Vengeance*; Holmes, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. *Thetis*. Morgan opened by placing a beauty on his opponent's jaw. He followed up the advantage with two body blows in quick succession, knocking his man senseless over the ropes. After Holmes was counted out he was carried away. A win for Morgan.

BYNG V. ABBOTT.—Six 2-minute rounds. Stoker Byng, H.M.S. *Vengeance*; Abbott, H.M.S. *Carys*.

The six rounds were gone through in a more or less give-and-take fashion. Abbott showed more stability than Byng, though, indeed, when the fight was finished, his face was covered with blood, and he had lost a tooth in the ring. The judges decided in favour of Abbott; a very fair decision.

CRANE V. EMMERTON.—Twenty 2-minute rounds for a purse and the feather-weight championship of the China Station. Dick Crane, feather-weight champion of the China Station, H.M.S. *Vengeance*; Spike Emmerton, H.M.S. *Ocean*.

Crane started to attack, but Emmerton was so quick in defence that he quite puzzled his opponent. Another great move of Emmerton, and he executed it with great skill, was to get in a couple of blows in quick succession, and then clinch instead of making good the defence. Emmerton had the advantage of excellent seconds, including Christie. In the third round with a blow from the shoulder Emmerton knocked Crane over the ropes, where he lay powerless. At the count of six Crane's seconds jumped into the ring, disqualifying their man; Crane, however, would not have recovered in time. A win for Spike Emmerton, now feather-weight champion.

LACEY V. BULL.—Ten 2-minute rounds. Mickey Lacey (who has twice drawn for the bantam championship); H. Bull, of the Sherwood Foresters.

In the first round Lacey gave the audience an impression that he would be an easy winner, but in the second Bull displayed remarkable agility in the return, though he showed lack of wind. As the rounds went on Bull returned Lacey's attacks so skilfully that applause was with some difficulty suppressed; Lacey, however, was little affected by the blows, they seeming to have but little force, while, on the other hand, Bull ever seemed to be tiring. In the tenth and last round, Bull, who had exhibited as much, if not more skill than Lacey, gave up, being played out. A win for Lacey.

FOX V. LOCKEY.—Four 2-minute rounds; scratch contest. Fox, H.M.S. *Vengeance*; Lockey, H.M.S. *Glory*. Lightweight.

After five good rounds this was decided a draw.

FOWLERY V. CRAWLEY.—Six 2-minute rounds. Punch Fowler, H.M.S. *Thetis*; J. Crawley, H.M.S. *Glory*.

A draw.

OSBORNE V. BRYANT.—Six 2-minute rounds. Osborne, R.M.L.I.; Holmes, H.M.S. *Waterlitch*. Bryant gave up in the second round after being hard pressed against the ropes.

BACON V. BERGEN.—Eight 2-minute rounds. Bader Bacon, Sherwood Foresters; Bergen, H.M.S. *Tumour*. Well fought; judges decided for Bergen.

Next was a little "foot-sparring," both men being "knocked out" in the third round. This event provoked great amusement to the audience.

DRUMMOND V. MURRY.—Ten 2-minute rounds. Drummond, H.M.S. *Thetis*; Murry, H.M.S. *Albion*. Middleweights.

A splendid fight. Murry was a good winner on points, receiving the decision of both judges.

TURNER V. FRANKS.—Ten 2-minute rounds. G. Turner, H.M.S. *Albion*; A. Franks, H.M.S. *Vengeance*.

Franks showed great skill, simply knocking his opponent down as fast, so to speak, as he could get up. A win for Franks.

The N-rays, recently discovered by M. Blondlot, and named by him after the University of Nancy, have yielded some astonishing facts of late. They promise to be more interesting and important than the X-rays, which are now known by the name of their modest discoverer. The believers in telepathy should jump at the new fact, which Sir Oliver Lodge is doubtless studying, that these N-rays are given off by human muscles and nerves, constituting the first discovery of any external action displayed by the human nervous system. This certainly opens up an entirely new field of study in physiology and medicine, for the Röntgen rays, remarkable though they be, are not produced by the action of the human brain, and are therefore without the unique importance which belongs to this new form of radiation, which is also capable of passing through aluminium, black paper, &c.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 4th February.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WILSON (POUNCE JUDGE).

A LIBEL ACTION.

T. Elvins, late superintendent of the Dock Company's watchmen, sued Ralla Singh and seventeen other Indian watchmen for \$500 for libel contained in a letter dated November, 1903, and sent by them to Mr. W. Wilson, manager of the Docks. Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, solicitors), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. P. W. Goldring of Mr. J. Hastings, solicitor), for the defendants.

In his statement of claim it was stated that plaintiff was until his suspension from duty employed in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company at Hongkong as superintendent of watchmen and resided there. Defendants were watchmen in the same Company, and it was plaintiff's duty to look after them and see that they did their work properly and efficiently and to report any breach of duty on their part to Mr. W. Wilson, the manager. Plaintiff had suffered damages by the defendants falsely and maliciously writing and publishing of and concerning plaintiff a letter sent to Mr. Wilson dated 25th November, 1903. The letter was as follows:—"Sir, We Indian watchmen staff of the Dock hereby report to you that until we are better and fairly treated by head watchman, Mr. Elvins, we will all resign from the Company's employment. Mr. Elvins is nothing but a downright rascal and rogue. How is it that he allows those Portuguese watchmen of his at gate, smoke, sit down, and sleep while on duty without reporting the matter to you or even find them one cent, but if it was any of us Indian found doing so he would get us discharged or find \$2 or \$3 which we know very well you don't hear of but all the same he find us and pocket the money. He has always been getting money from us ever since he joined the Company again, but since we have stopped giving him any more money or cash when every one Indian is taken on, he has turned on us and does his utmost in getting us into trouble and make such living reports about us to you. Therefore, instance the No. 3 has lent him \$300 and more and Mr. T. Elvins promised him he will look after him and do him a good turn, and that is how he does it the swindler after he has got the money. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wilson, sir, we are very sorry to tell you this but we can't help it. Mr. Elvins has driven us to it, that he the said Mr. T. Elvins has been receiving bribes of \$20 to \$30 from the sweepers of the yard for allowing them to carry off the sweepings to the dust-boat from the cart with cuttings of brass, iron and steel. This can be proved if you will take the trouble and see it for yourself and also he receive bribes from the night-soil men that carry the soil out of the yard in the morning by allowing them to do the same. He charged the one, the other day, for stealing brass from the moulder shop because the coolies did not give him any money; the case would not have been heard of if it had not been the money he wanted from the man by his Chinese detective. That detective was a bad man, Mr. Wilson, same as Ah Man, all the time squeezing money himself. As for Mr. Elvins where his wife got so many fancy and new dresses—a new dress every other day—all from the money he got out of the Indians and what sweeper he got from his Chinese detective. Mr. Wilson, do you allow Mr. Gomes to interfere in the office with what the Indian watchmen doing and saying, what for you report to Mr. Wilson, Portuguese watchmen no good; bye and bye all belong Portuguese, Indian men all finished; also Mr. Silva of the boiler shop has been interfering also with the Indian too. This is Mr. Elvins doing, teaching them what to say and go against the Indian and bye and bye all the Indian will leave and get the Portuguese instead. No. 3 watchmen can tell you this what they have been saying. Mr. Wilson, if things do not change we will have to resign and let Mr. Elvins get all his Portuguese. It will please him and his wife will be able to ride in a carriage and pairs and the Company then will see how they like the Portuguese. There is no other Indian will come to this employment and it is so hard to employ them, because it is known all over Hongkong the rascally way Mr. Elvins treats his Indian watchmen. P.S.—We all the watchmen are ready if you want to swear us that he always wants bribe from us, and if not please get him to swear when he was sick living at Tim Sha Tui he called three of us in the house and asked us to give money or if not when he rejoined he will send us away. Then we three men went in his house and paid him \$100. You want man who may speak English but when one is employed Mr. Elvins do dismiss him because he says that any man who speaks English do not do his duty properly, and to you he reports that no Indians able to speak and understand English and therefore he keeps Portuguese on gates. Portuguese will never do as good duty as Indians." In consequence of the defamatory expressions contained in the letter plaintiff had been and was greatly injured in his credit and reputation and has been suspended by his employers until he could clear himself from the charges which the defendants made against him in the letter. Plaintiff claimed \$500 damages.

In their statement of defence the defendants admitted that they wrote and published to Mr. W. Wilson, the manager of the Docks, the letter complained of, but pleaded that they did so without malice, and bona-fide believing all the statements contained in it to be true.

It was the duty of the defendants and to their common interests and those of the Company for the defendants to make complaint to and request investigation by Mr. W. Wilson of the matters set out in the letter. They also pleaded privilege.

Hon. Mr. Pollock said it was for the defendants to begin as it lay upon the party making defamatory statements regarding another in such cases to prove the truth of these statements, if he could, or if he tried to justify them by saying he believed them to be true it was not for the plaintiff to prove negatively that he had not committed certain corrupt or fraudulent acts.

Mr. Slade said that when a plea of privilege was made the onus fell upon the plaintiff to prove express malice on the part of the defendants. They said they were privileged because of the relation between the three parties—the defendants, the plaintiff and the man to whom this communication was made.

Hon. Lordship stated that would require proof of the alleged privilege.

Mr. Slade said he would call evidence to prove that ever since Elvins joined the Dock Company he had systematically squeezed the watchmen and that he received money from the Chinese sweepers.

Evidence was then given.

At four o'clock the hearing was adjourned until Monday next.

JAPAN.

Tokyo, 20th January.

THE CRISIS.

There have been no operations of special importance during the week past. The leading journals insist that the public must not be deceived by the pacific messages coming from Europe. In this context, it is stated that *vis-à-vis* Japan's overtures presented at the end of October last, Count Lambsdorff, communicating to the Tokyo government in the middle of December, forecasted that full and liberal consideration would be accorded thereto, but he has actually proposed the virtual partition of Corea.

As to the popular outbreak in South Corea, certain papers urged on the Government suitable measures to ensure Japan's preponderating interests in the Peninsula, but it is now semi-officially asserted that the riots are of no political significance and unlikely to be accompanied by far-reaching consequences. The imminent outbreak of *Tonghak* in North Corea was also reported, but there is not the least possibility of its becoming a conflagration.

A SECRET COUNCIL.

A confidential report received here says that a secret conference was recently held in St. Petersburg to discuss the pending difficulty. M. Plehve, Home Minister, is represented to have absolutely insisted on peace. General Kuropatkin, War Minister, observed that if hostilities opened Japan must be completely defeated, but it being very difficult under the circumstances, an amicable settlement is most desirable. Well-informed sections here disbelieved in a pitiful diversity of opinions among the Russian official circles at this critical juncture, but they generally maintained that the outcome was pessimistic and an appeal to final means was eventually inevitable.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE IN SEOUL.

Major-General Ijichi, who left Tokyo only recently, is to be a Military Attaché to the Japanese Legation in Seoul.

WAR FUNDS.

The authorities are receiving offers from the different parts of the country for war funds. At a regular meeting of the Privy Council to-day, Baron Komura submitted a circumstantial report on the recent diplomatic proceedings.

FINANCIAL MEASURES.

As wired at the time, Baron Sone, Minister of Finance, summoned on Monday night, the 18th inst., to his official residence a number of the prominent bankers in Tokyo to give certain special instructions in view of the existing critical situation. This confirms other evidences of Japan's strong attitude towards the situation, which cannot fail to be significant.

A SCHOLASTIC FUNCTION.

An interesting function was held at the Imperial Court on Monday morning, when three eminent scholars delivered lectures to the Emperor for the first time this year. The subjects referred to the British defeat of the invincible armada, the Chinese Classics, and a poem in the *Manyo* collection. All these lectures had some bearing on the burning question of the day in some respect or other.

CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

The Tokyo Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has recently decided to start another Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The promoters thereof were of opinion that disgusting cruelties to the youth of both sexes were at present being perpetrated in Japanese households, and advised the establishment of an institution after the patterns in England and America.

THE NEW COMMERCIAL TREATY.

The full text of the new Commercial Treaty or, as it is officially called, the Supplementary Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Japan and China, was published in the *Official Gazette* to-day.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A police-sergeant in Tokyo has been appointed chief of International Police Station at Masampo, South Corea, which is established in the general settlement as the result of the decision arrived at a Consular meeting of late. He left here to-day for Corea.

Three Japanese ladies, who have been engaged by the Queen of Siam for the establishment of a Peerses' School in Bangkok, are to leave Tokyo on the 23rd inst.—N.G.D.N.

THE DREYFUS CASE UNDERPLOT.

A Paris correspondent writes to us:—

The French Nationalists who had already reason enough to complain of the unfavourable events of the year 1903, felt it as a specially severe blow to their cause, when at the end of the year the Committee of Revision unanimously declared in favour of bringing the Dreyfus case again to the Bar. That they would take revenge for this defeat was clear from the outset; and to those acquainted with political methods their plan of attack could not be doubtful. The Nationalistic Press at once stigmatised the Minister of War, General Andre, who was principally responsible for the proposed Revision, as a secret ally of the German Empire, in its characteristic style the paper of M. Rochefort gave expression to its patriotic anger. "The German agent who is at present the Minister of War will do every thing possible to get the bench of the new Martial Court packed with officers of his own retinue; in fact he ought to seek his judges in Berlin"—alluding to the well-known French saying: "Il y a des juges à Berlin."

This fit-for-fat of the Nationalist paper will be taken seriously only by readers of an extremely short memory. For ever since he became Minister of War, General Andre has seized every opportunity for delivering speeches flavoured with acrimonious hints at Germany. Nobody doubts that, despite his personal animosity against the Nationalists, General Andre is quite at one with them as soon as the cry of vengeance for 1870 is heard. Whether this implacability is inspired by the ambition, natural for an officer of the Army, to get even with the victor in the last combat, or whether the wish of gaining popularity induces him to keep the wound open makes no difference. At any rate he is credited with irreconcilable enmity against the German name, and it sounds quite ridiculous to hear General Andre called "the agent of Germany." In this instance, the mean insinuation that our political adversary acts in the interest of a foreign country fails to have the slightest effect.

But while it is so easy to refute the clumsy cavils of the Nationalists against the Minister of War, truth compels us to assert that the proposed Revision of the Dreyfus case must be considered as an intrigue on the part of the General for getting rid of the part of the officers in the Army who are his political opponents. He must be an incurable optimist who believes in the alleged ideal aims of finding out the whole truth and restoring the honour of an innocent victim of brutal persecution. For the sake of the ex-captain Dreyfus alone the Minister of War would not have lifted a finger; his real motive is the expectation that in the course of the trial in open court, forgeries will be brought to light that will pick a hole in the coat of those very men who at present parade as the heroes and the only true representatives of the Army. Then by the Minister of War would see his way to thoroughly accomplishing his plan of dismissing all Army officers whose Republican and Democratic political inclinations are not beyond suspicion; his final object being to keep his officers well in hand and to be sure that none of them would show the slightest favour to a possible reactionary coup d'état.

It may be readily admitted that the homogeneous character of the corps of officers in the Army will have its great advantages for the country. But, on the other hand, there are strong objections to the course of procedure chosen by General Andre. We do not fear that the repetition of the *Affaire* will again cause much perturbation as in 1898 and 1899. Surely, nevertheless, that the embittered hatred of the parties will find new fuel and that, by the exposure of falsifications and irregularities in the central offices of state, the reputation of the French Republic will not appear in a flattering light before foreign observers.

THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

A Russian official publication just issued to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Imperial Committee of the Siberian Railway, whose President is the Tsar, gives some astounding figures of the cost of that extraordinary undertaking. The total cost of the line through Siberia and Manchuria to Vladivostok and Port Arthur is given as 94,000,000 rubles (\$29,500,000), which works out at 103,957 roubles per verst for the 904½ miles, averaging whole undertaking (\$322 million, averaging 216,600 per mile). There are only two engineering difficulties of any magnitude in the whole line, namely, the arduous Baikal Line, where the hilly, rocky country will require much blasting, and the formidable tunnel through the Kunging range of mountains. But neither of these difficulties has yet been overcome, so that the expenditure dealt with in the above figures is for a plain piece of railway-laying over easy levels, and largely over perfectly flat surfaces. When it is remembered that the land over which the line runs cost nothing, being given by Government, while a very considerable part of the undertaking was facilitated by the free use of convict labour, the stupendous items of the total become absolutely inconceivable to the non-Russian mind. M. Witte, after his memorable trip to the Far East, reported that there had been no amount of corruption to call for particular remark, or, in plain English, that the railway had been constructed much as other Russian railways are usually made, enriching a host of duly certificated engineers and less highly-qualified contractors, but leaving everything to be desired from the point of view of railway engineering from other countries.

Witte's report came anywhere near the truth, we can only suppose that the colossal figures of the expenditure on this bold stroke of an aggressive foreign policy, which has swallowed up the proceeds of more than one reign loan "for railway construction," are to be really explained as having gone to the provision and maintenance of the Army of Manchuria. It was pointed out in the *Standard* a year ago that the Budget, while nominally a great economic Budget providing for the development of the country by means of railways, was in reality a purely War Budget, and these figures sustain the statement. The figures actually given as expended for "protection of the line and expenses arising out of the peculiar conditions of construction of the Chinese Eastern Railway"—i.e., the Manchurian line—together with the sums set down as lost owing to the destruction of the line by Chinese in the troubles of three years ago, amount to less than twelve per cent. of the total cost. Moreover, the State has, of course, indemnified itself for the destruction of the Manchurian line, and it is alleged, on an exceptionally generous China, but realised at once by Russia by financial arrangements in Berlin. The sum actually set down as expended on the "protection, &c., of the Manchurian line" is not more than 24,750,000 sterling, which is altogether too modest a figure for what Russia has accomplished in the Military department in Manchuria since the Chinese troubles ended there.

NOTICE.

Owing to the Great Increase in the Furniture Business of Messrs. ACHEE & CO., we are requested by them to Resume Management of the Photographic Business hitherto carried on in their name on our behalf. From this date we will continue the Photographic business at the same place under the name of

LONG, HING & CO.

All outstanding credit and debit accounts of the Photographic Business will be collected and settled by us.

Inspection is invited to the New Stock now on view.

LONG, HING & CO.,

PHOTO GOODS DEALERS,

17A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

Hongkong, 21st December, 1903.

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Fully detailed Estimates drawn up free of charge upon application to the above.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1903.

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DEATH OF BISHOP FEE.

Bishop Fée, of Malacca, died in Paris on the 22nd December, at the early age of 48 years. The late Bishop was born at Ambrières in the Diocese of Laval, France, in 1856. He left France in 1879 and had spent nearly 25 years of his missionary life in British Malaya, mostly in connection with the Tamil mission in Penang and Perak. On the death of Bishop Gasnier on April 8, 1896, he was elected by votes to succeed him as the second Bishop of Malacca, and his consecration took place in the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd there on November 22, 1896, the consecrating prelate being His Grace Mgr. Gandy, Archbishop of Pondicherry, assisted by Bishop Cardot of Rangoon and Bishop Depire of Saigon, and took place in the presence of Bishop Bourdon and the other priests of the Diocese. Succeeding such a striking personality as the late Bishop Gasnier, Mgr. Fée found himself in a rather delicate position owing to his then being almost unknown in Singapore, but he began to endear himself to his congregation by his sterling qualities, and his early death after only seven years of episcopal administration will be sincerely mourned. Had he lived till March of this year he would have celebrated the silver jubilee of his priesthood. During his episcopate an immense impulse has been given to the cause of religion and education in the Diocese. At Taiping and Kuala Lumpur the branches of the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus were opened, and quite recently the Christian Brothers opened schools in Malacca and Selangor.

SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER OUTSIDE.

Strong monsoon is reported to the south and west; light to the north and east.

A "BLUE FUNNEL" STEAMER.

The Alfred Holt & Co. *Glaucon* arrived from Liverpool yesterday with heavy cargo of general for Hongkong.

AN N. Y. K. STEAMER FROM AMERICA.
The Nippon Yusen Kaisha *Asahi-maru* arrived from Seattle yesterday with a quantity of cargo, including 226 cases of watches.

THE S.S. "TATARA."
The American s.s. *Tayabas* arrived from Amoy in ballast yesterday. She has had a long stay at Amoy.

RICE.

A full cargo of rice arrived from Haiphong by Messrs. Johansen & agents Messrs. Jensen & Co. THE FREIGHT MARKET.

There has been a strong demand for barge all-round, freights improving consequently. From Saigon to Hongkong 25 cents per picul has been paid, and more tonnage is wanted. Saigon to the Philippines 30 cents per picul is offering, but owners are asking for higher rates. Saigon to Japan 35 cents and 37 cents per picul for March shipment has been paid. Java to Hongkong 35 cents per picul; to Japan 42 cents per picul. Moji to Hongkong (coal) \$3.25 per ton; to Singapore \$2.30; to Swatow \$2.50. Several steamers have been taken up for time charters at gradually improved rates, each getting a little more than the one preceding.

OLDEST SHIP AND OLDEST CREW.

The schooner *Dart*, now lying at Newcastle, was built at Carverston seventy-eight years ago, and has ever since been in constant employment. She is supposed to be the oldest vessel of her kind sailing under the British flag. The crew includes captain seventy years of age, mate 72, cook 71, and a seaman 61, who were all boys together, and are believed to be the oldest crew afloat.

TROUBLE ON AN OIL SHIP.

The British steamer *Battenhall* recently arrived to Singapore from Arua Bay with a cargo of what was termed "oil" in the official report. It now transpires that there is some trouble on board the steamer owing to the crew refusing duty on the ground that the vessel is carrying a cargo of benzene in cases. The crew carrying a written complaint to Lieutenant Radcliffe, the Acting Master Attendant yesterday, and asked for a survey of the ship, this being done by Mr. Towell the same afternoon. An enquiry was the result.

COAL.

Speaking of the many enquiries received in South Wales for steam coal for immediate shipment to Russian ports in the East, "it is a noticeable fact," observes the *Daily Mail*, "that the British Admiralty are stocking their foreign coaling-stations—particularly Singapore, Hongkong, and Colombo—far beyond the normal."

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer *Australien*, with the outward French mail, will leave Saigon on Saturday, the 6th inst., at 3 a.m.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 15th ult., via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port yesterday morning, via Island Sea, &c., and is due here on the 12th inst.

The P.M. steamer *Kiwa*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 2nd inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Vancouver at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, the 2nd inst.

TRADE MARK

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CEMETERY MEMORIALS made to and
design in Italian and American Marble and
Hongkong Granites.

LETTERING in any Style or Language.

COAST PORT ORDERS carefully and
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Hongkong, 7th August, 1903. [231]

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31, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

(First Floor Watkins Building).

Hongkong, 6th November, 1903 [33]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

OF

DENTISTRY.

Dr. M. H. CHAUN,
27, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL HONGKONG
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [248]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS

EXTRA COPIES of *Daily Press* are on
sale daily at Mr. H. RUTONJEE'S
KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road.
Price 15 cents per copy cash.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [351]

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FURNITURE STORE,
PLATED GLASS AND CROCKERY
WARE, &c., &c.; and FOOCHOW
LACQUERED WARE.

68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [31]

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NOTICE

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, &c., should be addressed to the Manager, Daily Press only, and special business matters to the Editor.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.

MR. H. RUTONJEE begs to announce that his Revised Price List is now ready, and copies can be had on application. The prices therein will be found to have been considerably brought down and fixed at as low a figure as could be maintained in view of the vagaries and uncertainties of Exchange of late.

Local and Coast Port Orders will be promptly attended to, and goods despatched by first steamers.

Special Rates to Hotels, Messes, Boarding Houses, and Large Commuters.

H. RUTONJEE,
No. 5, D'Almeida Street,
and
36 to 38, Elgin Road, Kowloon.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [425]

DENTAL NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Resumed Practice.

CHADWICK KEW.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [426]

WANTED.

CHINESE CLERK; must be Good Penman and Quick at Figures.

Apply—
THE SINGER MANUFACTURING CO.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [427]

TO LET.

NOS. 5 and 6, BARROW TERRACE, Kowloon. Available 1st March.

Apply to—
THE SAM WANG CO. LD.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [428]

WANTED LESSONS IN RUSSIAN.

GENTLEMAN desires to take LESSONS in RUSSIAN; slight previous knowledge.

Address—
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [429]

TO LET.

NOS. 15 and 17, SEYMOUR ROAD.
Nos. 4, 8, and 12, CASTLE ROAD.
GODOWN, No. 32a, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—
COMPASSIONATE DEPARTMENT,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [430]

NOTICE.

THE whole interest and responsibility of the business of the Italian Far East Trading Company has this day been transferred by Messrs. L. A. and F. P. MUSSO to Mr. G. BADOLLO, who will CARRY ON the business on his own account at the present address.

LUIGI A. MUSSO,
F. P. MUSSO,
G. BADOLLO,
Italian Far East Trading Company,
10, Des Voeux Road Central.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [431]

A SMOKING CONCERT

will be given by
THE VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB,
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),
the 6th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 9 p.m. Sharp,
in the
CLUB GYMNASIUM, Kowloon.

Admission \$1.00

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

Arrangements have been made with the Star Ferry Co. Ltd. to run a late Lanch from Kowloon, at 12.15 a.m.

HAROLD C. AUSTEN,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [432]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS called for Tuesday, the 9th February, is hereby POSTPONED until FRIDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, at 5 p.m. in the CRICKET PAVILION.

The following Resolutions will be proposed—

1. That a New Pavilion be erected forthwith in the North-West Corner of the Cricket Ground at a total cost not exceeding \$20,000.
2. That the plans of Messrs. DENISON, RAM & GIBBS be accepted.
3. That the Tender of KING TAK CHEONG be accepted.
4. That the sum required be raised by the issue of 6 per cent. Debentures of the face value of \$50 each, repayable in 10 yearly drawings commencing on 31st October, 1905.
5. That Rule 16 be amended by substituting \$15 for \$10.

By Order,
A. G. WARD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [433]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"GLAUCUS."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 6th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 a.m., on the 12th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1904. [434]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Lai-Chi-Kok in a West-by-Southerly direction at ranges from 1,800 to 3,000 yards at Barrel Targets, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1904, if the range is clear.

By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1904. [434]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

FOREIGN ATTACHMENT.

Action No. 244 of 1904.

Between W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,
Plaintiffs,
and
THE WING CHAN YING KEE FIRM,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Writ of Foreign Attachment returnable on the 20th day of FEBRUARY, 1904, against all the property movable and immovable of the above named Defendants within the Colony of Hongkong has been issued in this action pursuant to Section 453 of the Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 1904.

WILKINSON & GRIST,
Solicitors for the Plaintiffs.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF J. LLEWELLYN AND COMPANY, LIMITED,
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCES 1877 and 1896.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong dated the 28th day of January, 1904, confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from \$120,000 Mexican to \$72,000 Mexican and the Minute (approved by the Court) showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above Ordinances were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 29th day of January, 1904.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the said Minute is in the words and figures following—

"The capital of J. LLEWELLYN and Company, Limited, heretofore is \$72,000 Mexican divided into 1200 shares of \$60 each instead of the original capital of \$120,000 Mexican divided into 1200 shares of \$100 Mexican each. At the time of the registration of this Minute the sum of \$60 Mexican has been and is to be deemed to be paid up on each of the said shares."

Dated the 4th day of February, 1904.

JOHN-ON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Company.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,
the 10th FEBRUARY, 1904, commencing at 11 a.m., with an interval from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m., at his Sale Rooms,
Dundell Street,
WITHOUT RESERVE,
A VERY FINE COLLECTION OF
JAPANESE ART CURIOS AND SILK EMBROIDERIES,
Comprising—
CHOICE SPECIMENS OF SILVER CLOISONNE, FINELY PAINTED SATSUMA, OLD BRONZE VASES, CARVED IVORIES, OLD PRINTS BY UTAMARU, FINE CUT VELVET PICTURES, &c.;
Also
VERY RICHLY EMBROIDERED SILK PALACE HANGINGS, DRAPERY, KIMONOS, &c.

TERMS—As usual.

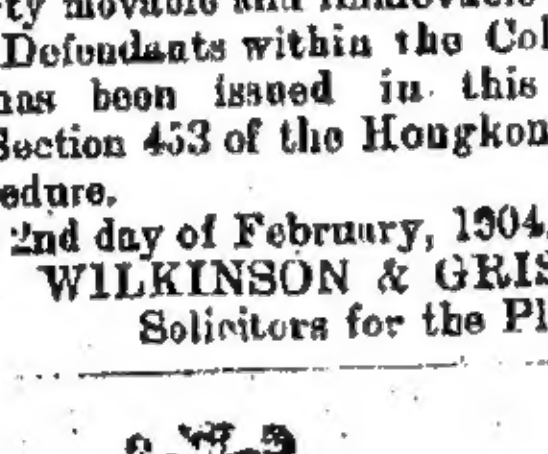
On View from Tuesday p.m., the 9th inst.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [437]

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that A. and F. PEARS, LIMITED, Soap-makers and Perfumers, at 71/75 New Oxford Street, London, and at Isleworth, Middlesex, has on the 25th day of January, 1904, applied for the registration in Hongkong of the Register of TRADE MARKS, of the following TRADE MARK—



in the name of A. and F. PEARS, LIMITED, who claims to be the sole proprietor thereof.

The TRADE MARK has been used by the applicant since or about the beginning of the year 1902 in respect of the following goods in class 48:

PERFUMERY (including Toilet Articles, preparations for the Teeth and Hair, and Perfumed Soap).

A facsimile of such TRADE MARK can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and also at the Office of the undersigned.

Dated the 5th day of February, 1904.

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS,
Solicitor Agent duly authorised on behalf of the Applicants,
18, Bank Buildings,
Hongkong. [438]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PRIZE COMPETITION.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE of the CLUB CONCORDIA, Shanghai, hereby invite the resident Architects and those of Hongkong, Tientsin, Yokohama and Tsingtau, to compete for the prizes hereafter named in designing the plans of a new Club Building, to be erected on the corner Lot Band and Jinkoo Road, Shanghai.

There will be 3 prizes allotted for the best designs, viz. one of \$1,000, one of \$750, and one of \$500.

The plans, which are to be marked by a cipher and the word "BAUWETTBEWERB," are to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Club Concordia, Shanghai, not later than March 25th, 1904. At the same time the competitor has to forward a sealed envelope, containing his name, with the above cipher as address; this envelope will be opened after the prizes have been awarded.

The Building Committee reserve to themselves the right to carry out any or none of the plans submitted, or to make use of parts of them for the new Building.

The plan of the Building Lot, also the general Specification of details, are obtainable, free of charge on application to:

The Secretary of the Club Concordia, Shanghai;
The Secretary of the Club Germania, Hongkong;
The Secretary of the Club Concordia, Tientsin;
The Secretary of the Club Germania, Yokohama; or the Manager of the Hotel Prinz Heinrich, Tsingtau.

Shanghai, 30th January, 1904. [438]

POSTPONEMENT.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 5th inst., at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1904. [439]

POSTPONEMENT.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HALLOONG,"
Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 5th inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1904. [440]

ENTERTAINMENTS

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),
6th FEBRUARY, 1904.

MADAME CANUTTS CONCERT.
(Pianist pupil of Rubinstein).

UNDER the Patronage of H. E. the Officer Administering the Government and Chief Justice, and Lady GOODMAN, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. ROBINSON.

Kindly assisted by the PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, by a German Double Quartet, by Miss BAIN, by Mrs. A. G. GORDON, by Mrs. A. H. OUGH, and by Mr. G. H. EDWARDS.

Tickets for sale at the Robinson Piano Company.

Prices \$3.2, and 1.
To commence at 9 p.m.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [441]

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

will give Five Performances of
THE COMIC OPERA
"HIS EXCELLENCY"

Written by W. S. GILBERT.
Music composed by Dr. OSWALD CARB.

SATURDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.
WEDNESDAY, 17th "
THURSDAY, 18th "
FRIDAY, 19th "
SATURDAY, 20th "

Commencing each Evening at 9 p.m., precisely.

Dress Circle \$3
Stalls 3
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Pit 1

No HALF PRICE.

Tickets can be obtained at the Booking Office of the Theatre, City Hall, on and after MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, at 10 a.m.

Booking Offices will be opened daily from that date from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Late Trains will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the curtain.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [442]

MUSIC.

RAPID Tuition given on the BANJO, VIOLIN, &c. Terms moderate.

L. A. DE GRACA,
88, Peel Street, or
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 11th August, 1903. [443]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

FROM this date and until after the 25th February next, HORSES and/or PONIES not entered for the Forthcoming Races will not be allowed on the Race or Training Course between the hours of 6 and 8 a.m.

Members may exercise mounted Horses or Ponies after 8 a.m. on the Training Course.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [444]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be open at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Sunday excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods.

Wm. FARLANE, Manager.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [445]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 6th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [446]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Building, Queen's Road Central, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd JANUARY, to the 6th FEBRUARY, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [447]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 18th FEBRUARY, 1904, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [448]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Pedder Street, at 12.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [449]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of FEBRUARY, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [450]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1904. [451]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd FEBRUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [452]

BANKS

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK (AMERICAN BANK).

ESTABLISHED 1854.

PAID-UP CAPITAL U.S. \$2,000,000 Gold
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS 5,180,000
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HEAD OFFICE—NEW YORK.

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LONDON BANKERS—PAER'S BANK, LD.

HONGKONG OFFICE—1, DES VOEUX ROAD. General Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Rates.

E. F. GEORGE,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [453]

BANKS

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [454]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$10,000,000
STERLING RESERVE \$10,000,000
SILVER RESERVE \$10,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

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Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1904. [455]

DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL Sh. Tels. 5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
Berlin
Tientsin
Canton
Calcutta
Tientsin (Kiautschow)

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THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT
DISCOUNT AND CREDIT ADVISORS.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FIGGE,
Manager.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1902. [456]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, Shanghai Tls. 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
Canton
Chefoo
Hankow
Harbin
Hongkong
Kobe
Kwangtung
Lyons
Manchuria
Peking
Penang
Singapore
Tientsin

The Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities. Bill Discounted.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
At 2 per cent. per annum on Current Account daily balances.
At 3 per cent. per annum on Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
At 4 per cent. per annum on Fixed Deposits for 6 months.
At 5 per cent. per annum on Fixed Deposits for 12 months.
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. [457]

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNPAID 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND 9,210,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
Tokio
London
San Francisco
Shanghai
Kobe
Lyons
Hankow
Tientsin
Nagasaki
Yokohama
New York
Bombay
Peking
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THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED
PAER'S BANK, LIMITED.
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5 per cent. per annum.
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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Apply to—
Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [242]

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO GOVERNMENT.

WANTED.

A CHINESE SECOND CLERK for the Resident's Office at Kudat. Must speak English. Salary \$50.00 per mensem and house allowance \$10.00 per mensem. Second Class passage provided to Kudat. Three months' notice on either side to be given.

Apply to—
Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [243]

S I E N T I N G.

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FEES VERY MODERATE.
Consultation Free.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1903. [215]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the KAM TAT TAI FIRM, Merchants, to Sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE PURCHASERS),

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),
the 5th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S WEST POINT GODOWNS Nos. 5 and 6,
4,847 Bags WHITE RICE;
and afterwards, at the FOK ON ASSURANCE COMPANY'S GODOWN No. 2, West Point,
1,154 Bags WHITE RICE.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery, clearance on or before Wednesday, 10th inst.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1904. [413]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),

the 6th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road (Corner of Ice House Street),
A GREAT ASSORTMENT OF
OLD PEKIN CURIOS,
Comprising:—
OLD PORCELAIN VASES and INCENSE BURNERS, SILK EMBROIDERIES, PALACE and TEMPLE HANGINGS, OLD MING BRONZES, MANDARIN COATS, WALL PLATES, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [408]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),

the 6th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road, S U N D E Y T U R E,
IRON BEDSTEADS and COTS, CARPETS, STAIR CARPETS and RUGS, OIL CLOTH and MATTING;
ART MUSLIN CURTAINS, CRETONNE QUILTS, COVERS, PILLOW CASES, TOWELS and TRAY CLOTHS;
CROCKERY, CUTLERY, and LAMPS;
3 TRUNKS and 1 PIANO,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

V. I. BERNARDOS,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1904. [414]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

WEDNESDAY,
the 10th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, of WARDLEY PIEP,
The Steam Launch
"SCHAMEN"

Length 70 feet
Beam 13 "
Draft 5 "
Engines, Double Expansion; Speed, 10 miles.

The Launch has hitherto been used by the Imperial German Navy as a Gunboat on the West River. The Hull and Engines are in excellent condition.

An Inventory and further particulars can be had from

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1904. [421]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Rear-Admiral ROBINSON to offer for Sale by Public Auction,

on
WEDNESDAY,
the 10th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 3 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road (Corner of Ice House Street), his Yacht
"VERNON"

24 Footer—Y. R. A.;
Designed by PAYNE, Southampton;
Built by DUCK CO., Hongkong;
Sails by LAPTHORN, Cowes.

Present set of Spars: Hollow Mast, Boom and Yard, Sparo Solid Spars; 2 Masts, 1 Boom and 2 Yards.

Present Main Sail and Jib now, this Season, well setting.

Other Sails Comprise:—
Main Sail, Jib, 2nd Jib and Spinnaker of last Season. All in good order.

Boat in perfect order and Winner of this Season's Championship as well as the Commodore of the Yacht Club's Cup and other Cups.

The Yacht may be seen at Kowloon Naval Depot.

For orders to view, apply to

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 4th February, 1904. [422]

HAMBURG LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Hamburg, 29th December.

The alleged intention of the Senate of Hamburg to apply to the Reichstag for its sanction to a measure imposing tolls on deep draught craft on the lower Elbe, for the purpose of improving and deepening the channel, meets with strenuous opposition in the Press. At a meeting of the Nautical Society of Hamburg last week a resolution, strongly protesting against any such step, was passed, the chairman pointing out that such a measure would hamper the free development of navigation on the river and were therefore to be deprecated, but that a differentiation to the disadvantage of deep draught vessels was still worse, as it was the large ships that brought the greatest amount of goods to the town and stimulated trade.

The following figures furnish valuable evidence of the importance of the Rhine as a waterway. Taking the returns for the town of Elmerich, the customs station on leaving Holland, we find that the total traffic from up and down stream, amounting in 1882 to say 4,000,000 tons, had in 1901 risen to over 13,000,000 tons. The total entries in 1882 in the ports of Wesel, Ruhrort, Düsseldorf, Cologne, and four smaller ones in the neighbourhood did not exceed 4,000,000 tons as against 15,000,000 tons in 1901. It must be patent to all that cheap water-carriage has been a most important factor in promoting the rapid growth of traffic, and has contributed largely to the development of the great industrial districts on both banks of the Rhine.

Emden, an old seaport on the German Ocean, once of some importance, the trade of which, however, had gradually declined, seems on the way to resume its former position. New docks, &c., were constructed in connection with the Rhine-Weser Canal, which passes through the wealthy mining and manufacturing districts of Rhineland and Westphalia; the Prussian Government furthering the scheme in every way and still lending its ready support, whilst public bodies and others more or less interested in its success did not hold back. The docks were opened about two years ago, and the results so far have been eminently satisfactory. Although much remains to be done, much has already been achieved, considering that the quay arrangements for instances are such that steamers of the Hamburg-American Line, which has established a regular service starting from Emden, have been able to take in a thousand tons of coal a day and that incoming boats have discharged ore at the rate of 2,400 tons per diem. From the very first those entrusted with the carrying out of the plans have endeavoured to bring everything up to date by adopting the most approved methods of construction and by introducing the latest improvements in machinery. They are watching the farther development of the port in the same spirit, remedying defects where such appear, and adding to and extending the works where such becomes necessary.

Negotiations between the Hamburg-American Line and the Dover Harbour Board having at last been brought to a close, on and after the first of July next the express boats of the company will on their weekly passage outwards call at Dover instead of at Southampton, as hitherto, whilst of their "P" steamers two a week will put in there, both on their journeys out and home. The steamers of the Prins division performing a weekly service between Hamburg and the Mexican and Central Brazilian ports, which have not touched at any ports of the United Kingdom so far, will after the first of July take in passengers and goods at Dover.

The amalgamation of banking firms in this country is steadily going on; the Disconto Commandit Gesellschaft mentioned in my last has quite lately taken over the very old banking business of Messrs. J. Schultze and Wolde, of Bremen, and is going to open a branch under its own firm in that town, the trade of which, particularly in cotton, is increasing every year.

The Dresdener Bank, after completion of the arrangement with the Schaffhausen Bankverein in Cologne and Berlin, will from what I learn command the largest share capital of any financial institution in Germany.

The last quarterly number of the Arbeiterfreund publishes the following list of fresh contributions by private firms and companies during the past three months to various institutions and funds for the benefit of their hands:—

	Private Firms.	Companies.
Pension and relief funds	1,363,393	450,578.44
Share of profits, extra premiums and gratuities	126,000	218,789
Funds not specified, and for general purposes	2,156,747	159,672.45
Funds for the care of children	479,665	
Old People's Homes	116,978	
Sick, Wounded, and Convalescent Homes and Living in Hospitals	760,960	
Sanitary institutions, Baths, Holiday Homes, and Holiday Recreation funds	254,000	
Peoples' Parks and Recreation Grounds	18,000	
Funds for the benefit of the Blind, Deaf-mute, and Cripples	115,376	
Funds for the Homeless and Discharged Prisoners	51,577	
Funds for Housing purposes	51,350	
Funds for Religious and Educational purposes	326,150	
Clubs, Libraries, Museums, &c.	15,590	
Town Missions	9,290	
Assistance of the poor generally	337,392	
Funds for Anti-Drink purposes	15,000	
Sundries	10,000	
	M. 6,25	371,383.69

Thus the different works have taxed themselves of their own free will to the extent of M. 7,600,000 for the benefit of their workpeople, and still there are strikes everywhere! That at Crimmitschau, a spinning centre in Saxony, has now continued for over twenty weeks, and so far there does not seem to be the remotest chance of an understanding being arrived at; the hands are receiving strike pay from other trade-unions, whilst the

masters are assisted, financially and otherwise, by Masters' Associations of the country. The causes of the dispute are pretty much the usual ones—shorter hours, &c., but in this case it seems to have developed into a trial of strength for the sake of the principle. 8,000 hands, men and women, are out of employment, whilst so far 1,900 non-unionists and non-comers have taken their places. Picketing is practised extensively, but the authorities have adopted stringent measures for the protection of the people at work. The strikers purposed holding large meetings during Christmas time, ostensibly for the distribution of Christmas gifts and the usual festivities of the season; but the authorities prohibited them, fearing they might assume the form of demonstrations and lead to disturbances. The men then tried to change the venue to the neighbouring principality of Saxony-Altenburg, but the police there looked upon the matter in the same light as their colleagues in Crimmitschau and requested the men to remain at home.

This brings me once more to cotton, and what has taken place in the American markets and in Liverpool during the last fortnight. The state of excitement has exceeded anything that has been witnessed for thirty years or more, particularly yesterday and to-day. Bears and bulls seem to be equally anxious to buy, whilst sellers are scarce for fear of being tripped up by the American bull cliques. The price of Middling American has advanced to over 7½d. in Liverpool, and there is no telling how high it may be driven, but the day of reckoning will be a severe one, and then the hindmost is likely to fall the prey of a certain old gentleman.

The other day I came across an account of the origin of the game of dominoes and of its name, which I will repeat for the benefit of those who are fond of it. It appears that the monks of Monte Cassini, being bound to eternal silence by their vows, invented the game to while away the weary hours, the winner of a game notifying his victory to his opponent by muttering the first words of the vesper psalm: *Domine dixit domino meo.*

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on FRIDAY, the 5th FEBRUARY, commencing at 10 A.M. and finishing at 3 P.M., if the range is clear, from the East of Customs Pass in the direction of Kowloon Peak (Nautan Koi) in a Westerly and North-Westerly direction.

By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [388]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, commencing at 10 A.M. and finishing at 3 P.M., if the range is clear, from the East of Customs Pass in the direction of Kowloon Peak (Nautan Koi) in a Westerly and North-Westerly direction.

By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [389]

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria and in the Eastern Division of Kowloon are hereby notified that under No. 5 of the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation By-laws any domestic building or part of such building which is occupied by members of more than one family shall, unless specially exempted by the Board, be CLEANSED and LINENWASHED throughout to the satisfaction of the Board during the months of January and February.

The Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the 29th February.

Notes.—The boundaries of the above Districts have been altered and are now as follows:—
THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE CITY: BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY GRAHAM STREET AND ENDICOTT STREET.

The Eastern Division of Kowloon is bounded on the west by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the north and thereof through the Yauwatti service reservoir to the northern boundary of Kowloon.

By Order,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.
Sanitary Board Office,
4th January, 1904. [136]

HIRANO WATER.

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Hongkong, 31st July, 1903 [30]

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J. D. EDWARDS,
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Amoy, 3rd December, 1903. [78]

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DORAJEE & SON, Proprietors.
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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1904. [306]



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Hongkong, 4th February, 1904.

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FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAK LING"	On 12th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 20th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 22nd February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENELAUS"	On 27th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"RHIPHEUS"	On 4th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 5th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 12th March.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"NESTOR"	On 8th February.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"KINLUCK"	On 16th February.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 22nd February.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 1st March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 15th March.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 20th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"PAK LING"	On 29th March.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA.	"AGAMEMNON"	On 24th February.

The s.s. "PELEUS" left Victoria B.C. on the 30th ult., for this port via Japan.
For freight, apply to—
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CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KWANGSE"	On 8th February.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"WUCHANG"	On 9th February.
MANILA and CEBU	"CHANGSHA"	On 9th February.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"KANU"	On 10th February.
	"TSINAN"	On 12th February.

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Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
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Hongkong, 6th February, 1904.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SHIP TO INLAND PORTLAND, OREGON
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"INDRAPURA" TONS. 4,889. CAPTAIN A. E. Hollingsworth. February 13, 1904.
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Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to
ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT. (114)
Hongkong, 12th January, 1904.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEY, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, FLYMOUTH AND LONDON. THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERMAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship
"MALTA,"
Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port for Bombay, etc., on SATURDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.
Silk and Valuable, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. (114)
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1904.

MESSAGERIES CANTONNAISES.

J. TREVOUX & CO.

HONGKONG-CANTON NIGHTLY SERVICE.

THE Commodious Steamer "PAUL BEAU" will run to Canton from the 4th instant, taking passengers and cargo as usual and will shortly be followed by the Steamer "CHARLES HARDOUN."

These two magnificent and up-to-date steamers lighted with electricity will leave the Company's Wharf at foot of Queen's Street, Praya West.

Hongkong nightly for Canton at 9 P.M. (except Saturdays).

Canton nightly to Hongkong at 5 P.M. (except Sundays).

The Saloon is under European Supervision.

First Class European ... \$3.00
Second Class European ... \$2.00
First Class Chinese ... \$1.50
Second Class Chinese ... \$1.00
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For further particulars, apply to
M. LANDOLT, Agent.
The Pharmacy, Queen's Road, Central.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1904. (1420)

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
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THE Steamship
"EMPIRE,"
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This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A stewardess and a duly qualified surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in saloons.

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904.

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904.

FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND TSINGTAU.

THE Steamship

"ANDALUSIA,"
Captain G. Schmidt, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 10th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight, apply to
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Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. (1409)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"MOYUNE,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 30th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 5th prox.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 12th prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. (110-11)
Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SHAWMUT,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents. (112)
Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"CHUSAN,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex s.s. Arcadia.
From Australia, ex s.s. Victoria.
From Calcutta, ex s.s. Sumatra.
From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. B. I. S. N. and B. P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 P.M., TO-DAY, the 31st inst.

Goods not cleared by the 6th prox., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. (114)
Hongkong, 31st January, 1904.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON.

On and after the 1st January, 1904, the Passage Rates will be by Mail steamers:—
First Saloon Second Saloon
To London 285 244
To Marseilles 261 222
To Bordeaux 231 190

Return tickets are issued at a fare and a half available for 2 years.

The proposed sailings are:—
Departure from Hongkong Connecting at Colombo
S.S. Malta February 13th S.S. Moldavia
S.S. Chusan February 27th S.S. Arcadia
S.S. Ballarat March 12th S.S. Australia
S.S. Coromandel March 26th S.S. Oceania
S.S. Simla April 9th S.S. Mongolia
S.S. Bengal April 23rd S.S. China
S.S. Malta May 7th S.S. Hinanaya
S.S. Chusan May 21st S.S. Marmora

Good accommodation can be arranged, on booking, in the connecting steamers at Colombo, which now include the new steamers Moldavia, Mongolia and Marmora.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. (114)
Hongkong, 31st January, 1904.

INTERMEDIATE STEAMERS.

The revised rates of passage by these steamers are now: To London 1st Saloon £50, 2nd Saloon £35.

Return tickets available for 2 years can now be issued at a fare and a half.

Return tickets available for two years are also issued home by Intermediate and out by Mail steamer or vice versa.

Rates on application.

When these steamers call at Marseilles, tickets can be issued to that port at £46 First Saloon £33 Second Saloon.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. (114)
Hongkong, 11th January, 1904.

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FUER sofort ein gebildetes deutsches Kinderfräulein für ein 4 jähriges Mädchen in einer deutschen Familie in Yokohama, Japan. Gef. Offerten einzusenden an: O. H. Yokohama, P. O. Box 275.

AUTOMATIC MAUSER PISTOLS.

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WITH CHAMBER FOR 10 CARTRIDGES FIRING 10 SHOTS IN 2 SECONDS.

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1900.

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PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES OF INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. (129)

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, CANADA.

INCORPORATED 1851.

Cash Security ... \$235,719
Total Losses Paid ... \$26,769,240

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. (194)

NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO.

FIRE and LIFE.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

The Undersigned are prepared to accept First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSURANCE. Prospectuses on application.

TURNER & CO., Agents. (267)
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st December, 1902, £16,738,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £3,000,000 0 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... 2,750,000 0 0
PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 837,500 0 0
II. FUND FUNDS ... 2,867,215 11 10

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents. (1888)
Hongkong, 19th June, 1903.

THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.,
Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. (2160)

LUNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents. (1)
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPEL.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & CO., Agents. (69)
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897.

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Established 1719.

CHAMPAGNE GROWERS AND SHIPPERS.

Ship only the Finest Quality Extra Dry (Green Seal)

LAUTS, WEGENER & CO., Sole Agents. (150)
Hongkong, 18th May, 1903.

MITSUBISHI DOCKYARD AND ENGINE WORKS, NAGASAKI.

CODE WORD: "DOCK" NAGASAKI.

A.I. & B.C. Scotts and Engineering Code.

DOCK No. 1 (at TATEGAMI).

Extreme Length ... 523 feet.
Length on Blocks ... 513
Width of Entrance on Top ... 89
Width of Entrance on Bottom ... 77
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide ... 264

DOCK No. 2 (at MUKAJIMA).

Extreme Length ... 371 feet.
Length on Blocks ... 350
Width of Entrance on Top ... 66
Width of Entrance on Bottom ... 53
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide ... 23

"PATENT" SLIP (at KOSUGU).

Can take vessels up to 1,000 tons gross.

THE WORKS are well equipped with the LATEST IMPROVEMENTS and execute any kind of work in SHIPBUILDING and MARINE ENGINEERING as well as in REPAIRING OF SHIPS.

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